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"THRUM'S ANNUAL" IN POLITICS

Thrum's annual has branched out as a political organ, or commentator-and if there is no other consolation, newspapermen may find one in its free and easy style of inaccuracy, uncertainty and misstatement. Though The Star is (of course) a shining exception, it is often said in the newspaper field that evening papers are prepared at such haste that trifling errors are excusable; that morning paper men have so much time in which to do their work that their English should be an improvement on Macauley and their facts as free from taint of error as Roosevelt is from hookworms; next it is said that weeklies, being prepared with deliberation amounting almost to stagnation, should try to improve upon the perfection of the slow morning daily, and that monthly publications should be solely composed of pure, indestructible LITERATURE. What, then, shall be said of an annual, which has twelve months in which to achieve mathematical accuracy and a De Quincy style?

Listen to the local annual:

"If any glory is to be found in the [Honolulu] change to a municipality its supporters are welcome to all the comfort afforded them in their victory, while its opponents needed no further evidence than the first day's wrangling to rejoice in their non-responsibility therefor, or of the mob of idlers that thronged the vicinity of our 'city hall' as if expecting jobs to be thrown out to them upon the new officials assuming office."

This is supposed to be the calm, studied, December account of things that happened in January. Really, it is in spirit an Advertiser editorial of January 2, knocking local self government. It is wholly untrue and wrong, in sentiment, detail and conclusion. Of course no er figures. intelligent opponent of the municipal act was satisfied beyond "further evidence" that the act was bad, simply because there was a political same. wrangle the first day on which efforts were made to start its machinery; there wasn't any "mob of idlers"-there was rather a small crowd, among which were a number of people "expecting jobs." Most of them were men with hands hardened by labor on the public streets trading, interest in stocks being un--and they wanted to know if they could retain their dollar-and-aquarter-a-day jobs and feed their wives and children.

There are several other utterly untrue political statements in the Annual. It is to be regretted that it didn't stick to statistics and chronology.

John T. Baker's suggestion that owners of land on the outskirts nouncements to be made later. of Hilo should pay taxes on town lot values is on the very same prin- Hawalian Agriculture also announces ciple as Lloyd George's budget land tax. It would be taxing the that on January 31st its dividend with ciple as Lloyd George's budget land tax. It would be taxing the unearned increment, or the value created by the industry and enterprise of the community. The idea is worthy of being made an issue the case of aionomu this arrangement. We will continue until further appaired. in next legislative campaign. Taxation of the land should have been will continue until further annuanceconsidered in the land law amendments that have been submitted to ment. Congress. Speculation in land would to a large extent be repressed by judicious assessment for taxes.

The Hawaii Promotion Committee is distributing a lot of postcards and posters advertising the Floral Parade. They bear the "made in Germany" label. There are some American communities in which this label would be cause for a boycott of the enterprise. Of course, such a boycott would be a most foolish proposition, but at least it is proper to say that the Promotion Committee of Hawaii is not a body that should be patronizing foreign, or even mainland, establishments, for supplies purchasable here. One of the ways of promoting, or building up, a community, is to have its citizens keep their own business at home.

OAHU, "FIRST OF THE WORLD."

Listen to this, from a speech made in Congress by Hobson of Alabama:

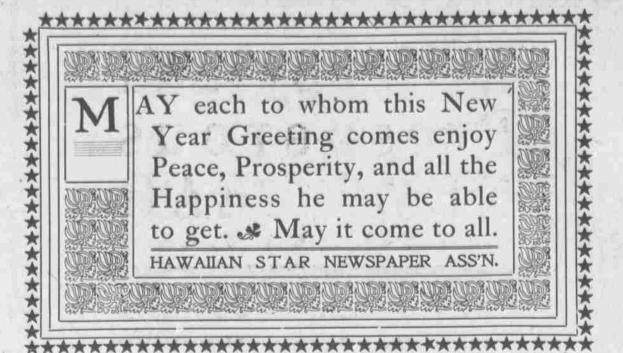
"I have visited nearly all the harbors of the world, but in my judgment Pearl Harbor is the greatest of them all. The nation that controls Pearl Harbor permanently as a great naval base will be in a position to control 4000 miles of ocean; and the race-mark these words-the race that permanently controls Pearl Harbor as a great naval base is not only going to dominate the Pacific Ocean, but is going to dominate the world. Pearl Harbor is the pivot of the world. It is the most vital spot to control in the entire territory of mankind, and next in importance to it are those other harbors about that great ocean that belong to us and that are to be the coordinate bases from which to control the whole of that

This is pretty strong language, probably the strongest yet used in discussions of the importance of Pearl Harbor. "To dominate the world," "pivot of the world" are, to put it mildly, comprehensive terms. Yet Hobson is not alone in these views.

The trend of events indicates that this little island is going to Sleep Uutdoors in an Enterprise lent to be a pretty important spot-even though a spot is all it is-on the map.

It is a somewhat remarkable signs of the times that Zelaya, who has been president of a little, one-horse, feeble, Central American socalled republic-as full of poor people as Constantinople is of beggars—should in defense of his administration make the statement that he is worth "only" \$2,000,000. We may presume that patriotism prevented him from stealing more and set it down that Dr. Johnson was wrong again; Patriotism was by no means the last refuge of this doors it will be found of the greatest

The fact that Peary was severely frostbitten in mere Maryland should occur to Cook enthusiasts as circumstantial evidence that Peary never went out of his igloo north of Etah.



the indications still are of a vigorous sufficient for a long time to come, reopening after the new year has gotten under way. At no hand are there any indications of prices lower than the averages for December. On the smoothly, under usual conditions, 77 er strength and correspondingly more board.

There have been furthher sales of Hawaiian Sugar on the streets at \$52, been sold today at \$33.

the business of the year, otherwise Sugar Company, there would doubtless be quite lively expectedly strong.

DIVIDENDS TO BE CUT.

will, on January 5, cut its dividend new Central building next door. The from \$1.50 to \$1 per share. How long premises being vacated by Schwartz this will has will depend upon an

EWA'S HANDOUT.

Ewa stockholders received their final 1909 dividends today there being one per cent regular and two per cent extra a total or \$150,000.

WATER AT WAIALUA.

Manager Goodale of Walalua plantation, was in the city today and was all smiles on account of the water sit- ISIAIIC uation in his province. He reports that the water in the big dam regis- 72 King Street.

The stock market remains firm, and ters 60 feet today, which is a supply

HILONIAN WIRELESSES.

The Hilonian wirelessed in last night at 8 o'clock that she was running along other hand, everything points to great- miles from Honolulu. All well on

KAUAI RAILWAY.

A number of papers were filed late yesterday, showing various conveyat which the stock seems to be very ances of property between Davies & strong. A few shares of Oahu have Company, McBryde Sugar Company, Kauai Railway Company and other Interest in Pala and Haiku has in- parties, all being for the purpose of reased rapidly in the past few days, enlarging and improving the terminal for these stocks. They are 17.6 per facilities of the Kauai railroad. The cent, propositions, basis of 1909, and transactons were the direct outcome are slated for greater demand at high- of the increase of the bonded indebtedness of the Kauai railroad, which Other quotations remain about the was noted a week or more ago. The deals put through will mean a great Most of the brokers are giving their deal for Port Allen, the Kauai railentire time at present to winding up way and incidentally, the McBryde

BUSINESS CHANGES.

Jos. Schwartz is moving his wholesale jewelry establishment from the rooms over M. A. Gunst & Company's It has been announced that Honomu cigar store to the second floor of the

will be occupied after January 3 by the Kaimuki Land Company, that concern moving over there from the Young

ENTERTAINING TOURISTS.

Much of the time of the Promotion Committee yesterday afternoon was taken up with the discussion of sightseeing facilities for tourists. For a long time the need has been felt of guide arrangements that would work systematically, and also a uniform and understandable schedule of transporta-

tion rates, -connecting - with various points of Interest. The talk may result in a sort of "seeing Honolulu" service, a tally-ho arrangement with a reasonable, fixed charge for reaching different points on stated routes. The Oahu railway will also be asked to arrange excursions to Haleiwa, etc., at different periods, a guide to accompany parties on such occasions,

GENERAL.

Superintendent R. W. Filler, of the Hilo railroad, is a guest at the Young

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

A business meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 12, at

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